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**Confirmed Association of SS-N-9 Missile and
the 10-Meter White-Banded Crate, Dunay Naval
Missile Storage, USSR (S)**

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**CONFIRMED ASSOCIATION OF SS-N-9 MISSILE AND THE
10-METER WHITE-BANDED CRATE, DUNAY NAVAL MISSILE
STORAGE, USSR (S)**

1. (S/D) On [] SS-N-9 missiles were adjacent to 10-meter white-banded crates at Dunay Naval Missile Storage, USSR [] Figure 1). This is the first confirmed association of the SS-N-9 missile with this crate, which has been seen at six other naval missile support facilities as well as at Orenburg Guided Missile Plant 47 [] where the SS-N-9 is produced. The SS-N-9 is an antiship cruise missile and is carried by C-II and P-class nuclear-powered guided-missile submarines (SSGNs) and by two types of patrol guided-missile boats, the Sarancha PGGH and Nanuchka PGG. Only the Nanuchka PGGs are currently assigned to the Pacific Fleet.

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2. (S/D) The white-banded crate is similar in size and configuration to the known SS-N-9 shipping container. The only external difference is the white band around the center of the crate. The purpose of the white band on the crate is not known.

3. (S/D) Eight white-banded crates were first observed in the open storage area at Dunay in June 1980. By [] all these crates had been moved to various locations near the twin-bunkered assembly/checkout building. On [] five SS-N-9 missiles appeared to have been recently removed from the crates. All five missiles, two on the service road and three near the twin-bunkered missile assembly/checkout building, still were enclosed by protective wrappings and were either alongside or in line with the banded crates.

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